

Tuesday night
June 30, 1942

Helb folks -

Just a few lines. - Tonight is sorta like between semesters. - We took final exams in class in Meteorology & tomorrow we continue our aircraft & mechanics along with navigation. - Our upper-classmen are all packing, getting ready to go to Randolph Field, so everything is very much of a mess. Our new "Dodges" come in Friday, so it'll soon be our turn to howl! - Shall we be hard on them?

I passed my 20 hr check yesterday! - Don't know how, but I did, so I'm not worrying how! It consisted of practically the same thing I had to do for my private civilian license, except for shot checks. Today we started in earnest on acrobatics - Chandelles, Lazy 8's, snap rolls, & loops. - Guess that's enough to start with, isn't it? I'm safe now until my next check which should be around the 40 hr. period. - It's ~~hard~~ hard to realize I've got 25 hours already and ~~only~~ only had 35 when I got my license! - Now you can see how fast they keep us moving. - I'll have around 30 before the week is over - knocking off for the 4th, too, I hope!

I got Pop's letter yesterday. - Glad to hear from you, Pop. You aren't kidding about being ready for bed before midnight when you get up at five A.M.! - you forgot to mention, tho, about being ready to stay in bed at 5 A.M.! -

I'm going ~~into~~ a session with our upper-classmen
~~as to~~ the proper technique of doing acrobatics, so excuse
me if I cut this short. - Gotta get ready anyhow -

For what? - Well, - the upper-classmen are taking
advantage of its being their last night as such, and
they have a special "let" for us! - We have to "double time"
around the area (most 1/2 mile) with gas masks on! -
Some fun - for them! -

I'm sending you Ray's letter so you will know as
much about it as I do.

Bye for now and be good. -

Love,
Frank